

# Placerville Republican

EL DORADO COUNTY'S ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER

WANT-ADS  
ARE SURE!

WEATHER  
Rain tonight, snow higher; Saturday cloudy; colder tonight.

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By JANE VOILES

Looking through some early files of our Mountain Democrat which were published during the first decade of Placerville's existence, we were struck by the varied life the frontier town offered. The paper reflects the prosperity, the freshness of outlook, the hope and the promise that were in the air in our town in the fifties.

Without benefit of the United Press or radio service, news was not a thing to be taken for granted in the fifties. A report of the wreck of the Yankee Blade in 1854 has a kind of dramatic value that our present day news in spite of modern technique lacks entirely. Those were the days when touching ballads were printed on the first page of a paper. Favorites were: The Dying Californian, The Girl With the Calico Dress, The Blind Boy, The Little English Factory Girl, The Young Widow, Reflective essays on tender subjects were popular: The Sanctity of Friendship, The Sacredness of Tears, The Bridal Robe vs. The Winding Sheet. A more satiric note crept in with "The Swell Head Disease." All hokum, we may say. But eighty or ninety years from now, someone will be making the same observation about the smart wisecracks we think are the acme of modernity.

As early as '54 there was a sense of well-being in Placerville. A fine type of people were arriving from the plains to settle permanently. Although Hangtown Creek had been worked and reworked, claims were taking out an ounce of gold a day. Rich new diggings were being found at Fort Jim. At Poverty Point five males north of Placerville claims were yielding five dollars to the pan. At Coon Hollow one of the richest mining localities in California diggings were yielding "an ounce a day to the hand." In '57 the little burgh of Newtown was looking up. Grizzly Flat was flourishing with four hotels, five stores, a Masonic lodge, a foundry and several well patronized saloons.

There was a distinct cultural flavor to the young town. A bookseller was advertising the works of Shakespeare, Scott, Milton, Dante, Byron; Gibbon's "Rome"; the Atlantic Monthly and Harpers. The Mountain Democrat published book notes. If we praise a book extravagantly now and then, it is an old Mountain Democrat custom. There is a note about shrewd, jovial New McGowan, "a slippery old boy" who had eluded the Vigilantes. Ned was writing his adventures. According to the advance notices, they promised to be "high old reading," but familiarly enough, the notices lost their enthusiasm after the book was published.

In the fifties, balls were real social functions. Imagine ladies stepping into the Cedar Ravine House wearing "Gone With the Wind" dresses to a ball "for which taste and money had been freely expended." We wish the reporter had gone into detail about "taste." Did it apply to music, decorations, refreshments or the general ensemble? In the Placerville shops, cashmere shawls and lace mantillas were on sale.

What a variety of entertainment the town offered. Lee and Marshall's Circus would come presiding the star talent on the shores of the Pacific. Backs' Minstrels would be followed by Jacobus the Wizard. The gentlemen of the Placerville Glee Club serenaded their friends. A gitted songstress (note—there were no crooners or blues singers) might give a concert at which she would render songs "of the heart-touching order." Believe it or not, in March, 1857, a Walkathon was featured in Placerville. "A female pedestrian" the paper calls her, was to walk 60 consecutive hours, beginning in front of the Empire. She was to rest 10 minutes each 24 hours.

Traveling theatrical companies presented tragedies and comedies. In 1854 the Bateman children appeared in their so-called extraordinary attractions. In 1857 George Fleming was doing Hamlet. No, you didn't have to leave town to see a Shakespeare play in the fifties. The management, however, with a thought for the catholicity of tastes in the town, after the performance of Hamlet, arranged for favorite songs, a Highland fling and a farce entitled, "County Seat of El Dorado County One Hundred Years Hence." Realism enters into the picture with the county hospital reports which were published regularly. The most prevalent disease among the men who sought refuge in the hos-

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## \$10,000 AUDITORIUM FOR POLLOCK PINES SCHOOL

Trustees Approve Plans By George C. Sellon; Hope To Launch Construction With WPA Help About April 1; May Add New Teacher In Fall

The Board of Trustees of Pollock Pines School has approved plans for a new \$10,000 auditorium for the school which it is hoped may be erected during the coming summer with WPA assistance and be ready for occupancy when school opens after the summer vacation.

This was revealed Friday by Gordon Neibling, a member of the board, which includes Mrs. Frances Morgan and Frank Brown.

## LATE NEWS BULLETINS

A message to this newspaper from Congressman Harry L. Englebright, at Washington, says, "Works Progress Administration approval allocation of \$32,691 for improvement of El Dorado County fair grounds." Fair officials said the project application was made by Engineer Don M. Hoffman and they were not familiar with the specific project involved. Hoffman was doing field work Friday afternoon and was not available.

Officers of the De Mofay Chapter and the Rainbow Assembly call attention to the starting time for their joint meeting Saturday night. The meeting will be at the I. O. O. F. hall and will be called at 7:30 o'clock.

Placerville Ski Club Thursday night voted to enter Albert Martin, Jr., in the Class C jumping event at the state tournament at Cisco, Feb. 11-12.

TOKYO. (AP)—At least 16 persons were killed by avalanches which buried houses and caused cave-ins today as the worst blizzard in 50 years swept the Japanese seas.

SAN FRANCISCO. (AP)—The San Francisco Chronicle celebrates its diamond jubilee tonight with one of the largest radio shows ever staged in the west, a 2½-hour program of variety and drama.

LONDON. (AP)—A terrific explosion in an electricity sub-station at Irlam, Lancashire, early today interrupted electrical service here and at nearby Cadishead. Police said that there was no suspicion of sabotage and that there were no casualties.

OSLO, Norway. (AP)—An explosion which caused numerous casualties sent poison gas spurting from a cellulose factory at Jemalden today and people in the neighborhood, panic-stricken, fled in automobiles or on foot.

ROME. (AP)—The authoritative newspaper Giornale D'Italia under a Kovno (Kaunas), Lithuania, date line published today reports of mass arrests in the Ukraine following exposure of a "vast plot" against Josef Stalin.

GERMANTOWN, Md. (AP)—Walter Johnson, one of the most famous fast-ball pitchers of major league baseball, tossed a hot one into the big-time political ring today—announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for congress from Maryland's sixth district. The Republican primary is May 6.

LONDON. (AP)—Navy men believed today that the German pocket battleship Deutschland may have been sunk and that Germany was attempting to conceal it by announcing that the ship's name had been changed to the Luetzow.

SAN FRANCISCO. (AP)—Dust bowl migrants still are entering California at the rate of 6000 a month. The senate civil liberties committee was informed today by three experts who outlined positive recommendations for their relief.

WASHINGTON. (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that Americans who enlist in armies of foreign belligerents sacrifice U. S. citizenship only if they take an oath of allegiance to a foreign power.

ROCHESTER, Ind. (AP)—Court attaches reverted to the use of the full name of Mrs. Lenore Belle Sippy to complete the hearing of her divorce suit in Fulton county court. Laughter of the spectators interrupted proceedings every time she was addressed simply as Mrs. Sippy.

## 2 SENATORS OFFER TO SERVE EL DORADO COUNTY VOTERS

Letters From President Pro Tempore And From Former District Assemblyman State Their Desire To Be Of Service To County

El Dorado County has had only one member in the state Senate for many years past, but in the special meeting of the Legislature opening Monday, she can have two members of the Upper House looking out for her welfare.

This situation arises as a result of the appointment of former Senator A. L. Pierovich to the Amador bench, and the subsequent failure to

## SCORES DIE IN COLD, FEARED

Mercury Readings Of Thirteen Degrees Below Zero At Chattanooga

ATLANTA, Ga., (AP)—The coldest weather of the century paralyzed the south today as it staggered from a full week of snow, ice and temperatures that frequently dipped below zero. It was believed a score of lives were lost in the south.

The mercury dropped to 13 below at Nashville and Chattanooga and was much lower in the mountains nearby. The sub-zero weather extended as far south as Birmingham, where it was three below, and temperatures between zero and 10 above were general throughout Dixie.

There was little danger of a food shortage as most of the isolated were farm families who had plenty of provisions stored. There was sickness however and there was no possible means of bringing in medicine and doctors. The sick could not be taken to hospitals over slippery mountain roads where snow a foot deep was frozen almost to the hardness of cement.

The official reading in Atlanta today was 3 above.

Upwards of \$2,000,000 crop losses had been estimated in the Florida winter vegetable belt in the Mucklands around Lake Okechobee and it was feared greater damage was inflicted by today's cold.

It was feared the new cold also would be too much for Florida citrus, which escaped severe damage earlier in the week, thanks to constant firing of smudge pots in the grapefruit and orange groves.

## JACKSON HOOP SERIES OFF

Influenza, Bad Weather Cause Cancellation Of Clash Scheduled Tonight

The scheduled three-game basketball series at the high school gymnasium tonight between the Cougars and Jackson high school has been called off.

This was the announcement of Coach L. A. Brown Friday morning following a telephone call from high school officials who reported that several of their players have been victims of an epidemic of influenza type of cold and that in view of their recent illness and the prevalent weather, it was felt the trip to Placerville tonight would be injurious to the health of the boys recently ill.

The weather also creates a transportation hazard and in view of the recent illnesses and the transportation situation, it was thought best to cancel the series.

The three proposed games were non-league games and will have no bearing upon the standing of the Cougars in high school competition in which, with the race at the halfway point, they lead all three divisions.

The next high school league games for the Cougars will be Friday night of next week, against Sutter Creek, at Sutter Creek.

## Norwegian Ship Burns Off Japanese Coast

TOKYO. (AP)—The crew of 44 of the Norwegian freighter Pu Quant abandoned their ship today near Hachijo Island, south of Yokohama, after sending an SOS call.

The Japanese steamships Kiri and Eifoku sped to the rescue. It was believed that the ship caught fire.

## Municipal Taxes Will Be Delinquent After Monday

The attention of our readers is directed to the circumstance that Monday is the last day to pay the first installment of city taxes, and that the first installment will be delinquent if unpaid by the close of the business day.

call an election to fill the vacancy. Offers of assistance were received Friday morning by this newspaper in the form of letters from Senator Jerrold Seawell, of Roseville, president pro tempore of the Senate, and from Senator Jesse Mayo, of Angels Camp, who formerly served El Dorado County as Assemblyman.

It will be recalled, also, that we have recently had a letter from Assemblyman A. G. Thurman, of Colfax, inviting voters to write him stating their opinions on problems before the Legislature.

The offers of senatorial assistance are contained in the following letters:

Dear Editor:

During the special session of the State Legislature which begins January 29, 1940, El Dorado County will be without official representation in the state senate, due to the elevation of Senator Pierovich to the Superior Court in Amador County, and the fact that no special election has been called to select his successor in the senate.

During this session, I should like to offer my services to the people of El Dorado county as a sort of "Senator Pro Tem," in any manner which I may be of service to the county and its people. I would also be pleased to hear from them and

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## Legislature's Meeting Near

Upward Of 50 Subjects Will Be Listed By Governor In Formal Call

By JOHN W. DUNLAP  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
SACRAMENTO. (AP)—Gov. Culbert Olson put the finishing touches today on the proclamation and agenda of the special session of the legislature, which opens Monday, with only a final estimate on relief needs holding up release of the lengthy document.

The governor will have upwards of 50 subjects on the call, many non-controversial. His preliminary draft had 53 measures and several may have been added as Olson spent all week in seclusion at the executive mansion with his advisors.

Unemployment relief is the major item on the call and the necessity for convoking the legislature during the off-year. The \$35,500,000 appropriated by the last session will run out during February and Governor Olson will seek a sum around \$50,000,000 to finish out the biennium.

The governor preceded his final action on the proclamation with a five-point program of reform and economy for the SRA, chiefly a proposed ceiling on family budgets. Olson said he would prevent any Olson said he would prevent any consideration of returning relief to counties but some legislators declared it might be achieved regardless.

## Borah's Successor Is Sought By Idaho

BOISE, Ida., (AP)—Gov. C. A. Bottolfsen conferred with Republican party leaders today over a successor to the late great Senator William E. Borah, who was buried in a plain grave overlooking the Idaho capitol yesterday.

Bottolfsen indicated that he would not name Mrs. Mary Borah, the senator's widow, a daughter of a former Idaho governor, to fill the unexpired term.

## Negro Parson Looms As Conn Challenger

PITTSBURGH. (AP)—Harry Bobo, 208, a Negro part time preacher with a flair for fistfights, looked for new foes today after a near-knockout victory over Henry Cooper, 188, New York heavyweight, who two weeks ago stayed 12 rounds with Billy Conn, the light heavyweight champion. In a fight ballyhooed as a test of Bobo's possibilities as a worthy opponent for Conn, the Pittsburgh Negro easily defeated Cooper.

RAINFALL	
July	.06
August	.06
September	1.63
October	2.65
November	.93
December	3.41
Jan. 1	.73
Jan. 2	2.89
Jan. 3	.05
Jan. 4	1.40
Jan. 5	.07
Jan. 6	1.15
Jan. 7	.97
Jan. 8	1.85
Jan. 9	1.81
Jan. 10	.97
Jan. 11	1.25
Jan. 12	.83
Jan. 13	.10
Jan. 14	1.61
Jan. 15	1.24
Jan. 16 to 8 a. m.	—
Total	24.57

The normal to Jan. 1 is 13.99 ins.  
The normal to Feb. 1 is 21.41 ins.

## RAIN REACHING HIGHER LEVELS

Forecast For Colder Temperatures May Yield Snow; Bay Roads Flooded

The continuing storm was taking the form of rain as far east as the Echo summit, according to reports received Friday morning at the Smith Flat office of the state Division of Highways.

At ten o'clock that office reported twenty-eight inches of snow at Twin Bridges and fourteen inches at Strawberry. Rain was falling in that area at that time.

The P. G. & E. Company observers at Twin Lakes reported a snow depth of fifty inches Friday morning.

Although the rain had the effect of settling the snow, a forecast for lower temperatures fostered the hope that the rains in the higher elevations would soon turn to snow.

BAY ROADS SWAMPED  
SAN FRANCISCO. (AP)—Further rain was predicted for California today following downpours of almost cloudburst proportions that snarled traffic in northern California today.

Heaviest rainfall in the state appeared in Marin county. At Kentfield, 6.16 inches fell within 24 hours up to 5 p. m. when the storm subsided. San Rafael, Mill Valley and Sausalito reported that close to 2½ inches fell within five hours starting at 9 a. m. Creeks were running full-bank.

The heavy run-off, coupled with exceptionally high tides flooded highways along San Francisco Bay. Slides threatened to close the Waldo approach to the Golden Gate Bridge.

Southeast storm warnings remained posted along the coast from Point Conception to the Canadian line.

## SHENANDOAH VALLEY MAN DIED SUDDENLY ON THURSDAY MORNING

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ball received word Thursday of the death at Shenandoah Valley, near Plymouth, of Henry Bell, who was the husband of Mr. Ball's sister, Laura.

Mr. Bell was a native of Shenandoah Valley, born fifty years ago, and had lived his life in that district, engaged in ranching. His death came suddenly Thursday morning as he was doing his chores about the ranch and was entirely unexpected, since he had remarked only a short time before about how well he felt.

The funeral services will be held from the Jackson mortuary chapel at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Interment will be at Plymouth.

Mr. Bell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Ball Bell; his mother, Mrs. Nettie Burns Bell; a sister, Mrs. Clyde Ball, and a brother, Alvin Bell, of Sacramento. He also was a nephew of William Burns, of Auburn.

## 25 Years Ago In The World War

By UNITED PRESS  
Turkish troops, led by Germans, advanced across Sinai Peninsula toward Suez Canal.

Russian army began counter offensive against Austrians in Battles of the Carpathians.

District Attorney Henry S. Lyon and Sheriff George M. Smith were business callers Friday at Woodland and Sacramento.

Mrs. Irma Lawyer was among those in town from Lotus Friday.

## REDS POUND AT FINNS; FAIL

Warring Powers Rush Preparations For Major Battles As Winter Ends

By JOE ALEX MORRIS  
U. P. Foreign News Editor

Europe speeded up war preparations today for major offensives which may come when winter ends. Nobody knew when or where the widely predicted springtime blows would fall, but there has been increasing conviction that the western European stalemate will be broken and that the Red army will throw its best troops into a general offensive in Finland.

On the Finnish fronts, the Russians continued to pound at defense lines northeast of Lake Ladoga—the sixth day of a so far vain attempt to turn the left flank of the Mannerheim line. The Russian operations appeared to be comparatively limited and they merely were holding their ground on other points.

While emphasizing that there is no emergency at present, United States citizens in Sweden were urged by consular authorities to return to their homes if such action was feasible because there always was danger that conditions later would make travel difficult.

On the western front, several months of work by 100,000 laborers has turned France's famous Maginot line into the "Maginot defense system." The line, originally a series of underground concrete forts has been deepened and enlarged to permit flanking fire on a grand scale. Thus it combines the French system of a main line of solid forts with the German Siegfried line principle of a deep series of interlocking lines, pill boxes, forts and tank traps.

## BAY NEWSWRITERS TO SPEND WEEKEND IN COUNTY, VISIT SNOW AREA

A group of Bay District newspaper representatives will be the guests of El Dorado county on Sunday and Monday, January 28th and 29th, it is announced by the Chamber of Commerce.

The delegation will be led by Jerry Carpenter of the California State Chamber of Commerce and will include Oliver Kehnlein, of the San Francisco Examiner; Ted Reynolds of the San Francisco Chronicle; Ed Neil, San Francisco News; and Roy Schwartz, Oakland Post-Enquirer.

The party will arrive in Placerville Sunday morning about 9:30. They will stop at the Raffles Hotel and meet any local ski members and friends interested in winter sports.

After about an hour's visit in Placerville the group will be conducted to the Lovers Leap Ski Area by Secretary Wallace M. Ripley, of the Chamber of Commerce, and thence on to Echo Chalet where the party will be the guests of Curt Rocca, proprietor of Echo Chalet.

Pictures will be taken and data secured by the newspaper writers and inspection will be made of the new snow-mobile recently acquired by Mr. Rocca.

The Chamber of Commerce urges that as many citizens as possible plan to meet this group upon their arrival in Placerville Sunday morning to show suitable appreciation for their interest in winter sports in this area.

## MICHAEL JOHN SEMMONS FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE ON MONDAY

The funeral services for Michael John Semmons, 57, who died on Tuesday of this week, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Memory Chapel. The Rev. Harold Morehouse will conduct the service which will be followed by cremation.

Mr. Semmons was a native of Michigan who had lived in California since 1914. It is reported that he resided for some time in the Salmon Falls district before moving to the Placerville vicinity where, for some time past, he had been a caretaker at the old Fred Plunkett place in the Nigger Hill section. He is survived by his wife, who is reported as seriously ill at San Francisco, and from whom he had been separated for some time. He also is survived by a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Worrell, of Chicago.

Mrs. R. E. Grimes is here from Oakland visiting her brother, E. D. Willis, and Mrs. Willis, at their home on Cottage Street.











## CLASSIFIED ADS

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

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10c per line for one insertion.  
15c per line for three insertions.  
25c per line for (week) 6 insertions.  
35c per line for (2 weeks) 12 insertions.  
50c per line for (month) 24 insertions

### TERMS—CASH IN ADVANCE

Telephone customers with "established credit" with this office may phone in their ads, making arrangements to pay before the end of the month, thus getting the cash-in-advance rate. However, if the charge account runs past the end of the month, necessitating sending of a statement, a minimum charge of 50c will be made in ALL CASES.

### BUY PLACERVILLE

25 ACRES adjoins Placerville, timber, \$1500 easy terms.  
6 CITY lots at \$150.00 each. \$10 down and \$5.00 mo. Your big chance.

A. C. (GUS) WINKELMAN

with L. J. ANDERSON

Real Estate

Insurance

### FOR RENT

COTTAGE, 4 small rms. and bath. Furn., redecorated, water and garage \$23.00. James J. Price, Cedar Ravine or see Mrs. Atwood or Mrs. Keller. j25-29c

2 RM. APT. Ph. 219W after 5 p. m. j25-31\*

FURN. Duplex, 3 rms. Adults only. 126 Main St. Apply large house. j25c.

LARGE heated room. Priv. entrance and bath. Garage available reasonable. Inquire 116 Bedford or 469 Main. j10-15c

MOD. Furn. house, 3 large rooms. Adults only. 8 Sacramento St. a26-tfc.

### NEW LOCATION FEB. 1st



Patricia Croeland Announces CHANGE IN BUSINESS LOCATION

of Her Beauty Salon to the SUITE OF ROOMS IN THE SUMNER BUILDING

Upstairs Over Placerville Post Office

Opening Special Permanent Wave \$3 Phone 136 NOW for Appointment — Limited Time —

**PAT'S Beauty Studio**  
Every Beauty Service

FURN. House, 3 rooms and bath. \$18. Swingles, Ph. 41F2. j23-30\*

3 RM. Furn. apt. Hot and cold water, garage. 67 Coloma St. j23-tfc

MOD. Furn. 2 rm apt. Brkfst nook, bath with shower. Electrically equipped. Ph. 161. d8-tfc.

FURNISHED cabins. Ph 346. j19-26

### WANTED

HOUSEWORK, care of children by experienced woman. Excellent references. Mrs. Phillips, Phone 364W j25-1w\*

### ROOM AND BOARD

ROOM and board for gentleman. Ph. 592. j11-tfc.

### FOR SALE

29 CHEVROLET coupe in good condition \$65. For information Ph. 347. j23-25\*

ELECT. wash. machine. Good cond. Inquire 203 Elm Av. after 6 p. m. j22-29\*

PIANO accordion 12 base \$37.50. Standard model 120 bass \$145. Terms. Jack Roberts, Piedmont Cafe. Ph. 787. j18-12c

### REAL ESTATE WANTED

RANCHES, HOMES, WANTED!! We furnish buyers. LIST with Mrs. KELLER, Pacific St. Tel. 150-W.

### YOUNGS NEWS NOTES

Wendell Reynolds, Lloyd Curtis and Duke Curtis, of Rescue, were at Buck's Bar and Youngs Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Curtis, of Rescue, were callers at Bucks Bar on Monday. Mrs. Curtis was the former Miss Lois De Witt, of Youngs.

Louis Stafford was down from Grizzly Flat on Monday and was a caller at Placerville and Diamond Springs.

Lee Garner and Mrs. Sara Mae Godard, of Youngs, were in Placerville on Tuesday.

Leo Gibbs, Fred Wentz and two young ladies were in Sacramento Monday night for a "chink" feed.

The former Hen and Goose Mine has reopened with one new partner. Mr. Hutton and Mr. Gray are running the mine and we believe a good name will be The Happy Grouch.

We understand there has been some talk about Bessie Wentz putting up a dance hall, but Bessie says she has enough trouble taking care of her pigs on the ranch.

Mrs. Grace Clark is up again after a few days in bed with a severe cold.

Leo Gibbs is building a small house for himself and will soon start a lonely life of batching.

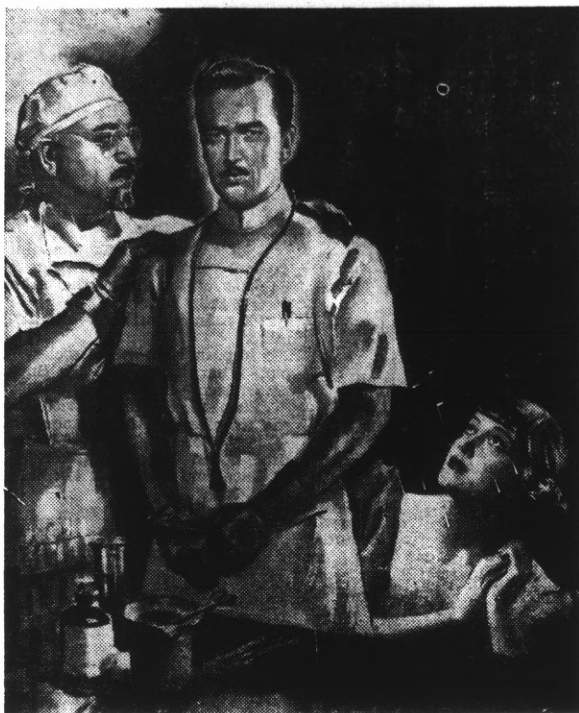
Ernie Gray says when negotiations are completed he expects to start construction on a new dance pavilion on his place at Youngs (Somerset to the old-timers).

Dances, Ernie says, will be held every Saturday night. Ernie Gray is the leader of the El Dorado Hot Shots orchestra.

Mrs. Wilson and daughter Margorie Nell came up from Los Angeles Sunday to spend a few days. Mrs. Wilson has a ranch near Youngs.



Get The Habit—Read Want Ads



Is there room in a doctor's life for love? That's the dramatic question asked in the film, "Disputed Passage," to which Akim Tamiroff answers "No," while Dorothy Lamour dissents. John Howard, as the young medical student, is the one who has to face the question. The poignant picture of a doctor's private life closes a two-day showing on the Empire theater screen tonight.

### "DISPUTED PASSAGE" ENDS TONIGHT AT EMPIRE; SATURDAY SHOW BRINGS JOE E. BROWN IN COLLEGE COMEDY; SEA STORY FOR SUNDAY

Empire Theater patrons have a weekend of exceptional entertainment in store for them, beginning with "Disputed Passage," which will be shown for the last time tonight.

Saturday's show features Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye in a new college comedy, "10,000 A Touchdown," and the program for Sunday and Monday is topped by Frank Lloyd's great saga of the steamships, "Rulers of the Sea," featuring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Margaret Lockwood.

"Disputed Passage" is an exciting story of the world of science based on the best selling novel of

the same name by Lloyd C. Douglas.

In the Saturday only bill, Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye are the guiding spirits in a college which has trouble getting started, but with Joe's promotion and Martha's ingenuity, it turns out a football team worth "10,000 A Touchdown," and a lot of rib-splitting comedy.

"Rulers of the Sea," directed by Frank Lloyd, tells in dramatic fashion of the courageous men and women who helped to bring to fruition the conquering of the Atlantic Ocean by steamship a little more than a century ago.

### TODAY'S PROFILE

BY UNITED PRESS

Leopold III, king of the Belgians and supreme commander of all the armed forces, is ready to cast his full energy into a peace settlement for Europe, but is equally prepared to defend to the last his country from any invasion.

The boyish-appearing ruler is still in his 30s, but great tragedy already have marked his life. He came to the throne through tragedy when his father, King Albert, was killed in a fall while mountain climbing in 1934. His queen, Astrid, was killed in a motor car accident at Lake Lucerne. Leopold was driving at the time and the car skidded and crashed over a low parapet into the lake.

The young king was bowed with grief but he plunged more deeply into the task of keeping Belgium from being a pawn in the next European war. On Oct. 14, 1936, he made his famous declaration to the cabinet that Belgium would not depend upon Great Britain and France as military allies. Instead, the country would follow a policy "exclusively and entirely Belgian." His words were followed by pledges from Britain, France and Germany reaffirming the country's neutrality.

But during this time Leopold was carrying on the work his father had started after the World War. He was building frontier defenses and fortifying some of the vital points at Eupen, Malmédy, and St. Vith, near the German frontier. The Army was increased and it grew to nearly 700,000 men by the time Germany and the Allies were locked on the Western Front early in 1940.

Leopold was born on Nov. 3, 1901. He spent his boyhood at Laeken castle, his father having ascended to the throne in 1909. There he became an amateur botanist, tended a garden and had a hive of bees. Then came the World War and Leopold with his brother Charles and sister Marie-Jose were sent to England, where he stayed in the home of Lord Curzon. From England young Leopold wrote his father that he wished to become a soldier. At the age of 13 he was enrolled in the 12th Infantry and, garbed in blue uniform and black topcoat and trench kepi, he was presented to the regiment.

The royal trooper remained with his regiment for six months while it was in a reserve position. He was in the front lines for a time, however. After this war interlude Leopold was sent back to England, where he entered Eton. He returned to his regiment just before the Armistice.

### CAMINO NOTES

Under the direction of the Parent Teachers Association a hot dish is served at noon at our school to from fifty to seventy-five pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Marsh, of Chico, spent Saturday with the latter's father, George Davenport.

Jane Lyon, of Sacramento Junior College, spent Saturday here at Ruth Hughes' home.

Mrs. A. McGregor and son, Herman, spent the weekend at Stockton with relatives.

Dan McGrew stopped over here for a few days visiting with friends on his way from the Walker Mine at Portola to Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Reese spent the weekend in Sacramento and also visited the former's brother, and Mrs. Dan Reese, at Elk Grove on Saturday evening.

Sacramento visitors on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Potts and son, Jerry, Mrs. H. Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sherb.

The Camino Bridge Club met at Mrs. Henry Cullers' home Thursday afternoon of last week. Mrs. George Burrows, Mrs. H. Lepley, Mrs. J. B. Gardella were the lucky ones.

Mrs. J. Barkley, Mrs. Frank Lamm, Mrs. Wm. Baumhoff and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Kimble attended the joint installation of the Native Sons and Daughters in Placerville Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meyers, of Youngs' Station, were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meyers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Sheats left for their home in Long Beach the fore part of the week after spending last week with Mr. Sheats' folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheats and family.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Thomas spent Saturday at Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reese and Leonard Reese, of Sacramento, spent a couple days the first of the week with the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Reese.

Chester Carsten was home over the weekend from Sacramento Junior College.

at a stork shower for Mrs. Ernest Chester Johnson were co-hostesses at a stork shower for rs. Ernest Carsten, Jr., on Thursday afternoon, January 18, in the Fairbairn home. After the serving of refreshments, gifts were presented the honored guest. Those who attended or sent gifts were Mesdames Willard

Austin, Jane Barkley, Jack Barkley, Swift Berry, Wm. Berry, Pete Boromini, Ed Allison, Ed Cook, Ernest Carsten, Sr., Jack Corker, George Davenport, John Dickey, W. P. Fassett, Louis Galuppi, C. P. Stevens, Percy McNie, Don Hook, Carl Sargent, George Gray, William Savage, Lloyd Matlock, Ed Laveroni, Myrtle Rice, Jack Williams, John Montgomery, Wm. Lamley, of Camino; William Immer, Frank Ward, of Placerville, and Misses Barbara Corker, Frances Barrett, Lorene and Thelma Boromini, Nancy Barkley and the co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller, of Sacramento, visited Mr. and Mrs. Milton Miller Sunday.

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